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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, Dec. 30th.....8:15 P.M.

Guest Preacher
RABBI EUGENE KOHN

Managing Editor of The Reconstructionist

Subject:

THE JEW IN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

An analysis of the place of a minority religious and cultural group on the American scene and the obligations of that group to the American scene.

Saturday Morning, Dec. 31st.....9:30 A.M.

The Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

Friday Evening, Jan. 6th.....8:15 P.M.

A PROPHECY BY HEINE

An analysis of a startling prediction of contemporary events in Germany made one hundred years ago by the German Jewish poet, Heinrich Heine, and an examination of its implications.

Saturday Morning, Jan. 7th.....9:30 A.M.

Sermon — 10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

FORTHCOMING MAJOR EVENT

Tuesday Evening, January 10th.....8:30 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
OF THE CONGREGATION

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND ADVISORY COUNCIL.

DETERMINATION OF NEW POLICIES.

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE SYNAGOGUE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Scroll has adopted as its slogan, FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE. Our congregation maintains an extensive educational and social program, but no matter how fully individuals may participate in various phases of that program, their association with the Synagogue is not complete unless they develop the habit of regular Friday evening, Sabbath morning attendance, or both. Worship is the climax of Jewish life.

THE PARK AVE. SYNAGOGUE

50 EAST 87th STREET

Sacramento 2-8765

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- Rabbi.....Milton Steinberg
- Cantor.....David J. Putterman
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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

The guest preacher on December 30th, Rabbi Eugene Kohn, is the Managing Editor of The Reconstructionist. He is one of the most thoughtful personalities in the American rabbinate. He is the author of "The Future of Judaism in America," a manual for teaching Biblical history, and numerous articles and reviews. Many of our congregants will remember him from his beautiful prose poem which was read as a special supplement to our High Holyday services this year. A keenly analytic mind, a profound scholar, a person with a message is welcomed to our pulpit in him.

On the evening of January 6th, Rabbi Steinberg will treat with a truly amazing statement by Heinrich Heine made over one hundred years ago, in which he foretold what has happened in Germany recently. Heine's prophecy was based upon certain assumptions which the sermon will make clear and evaluate.

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NOTICE OF CHANGES
IN MEETING SCHEDULES

The classes in Adult Education will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, January 3rd, rather than on the scheduled date of Monday, January 2nd.

The Parents Group does not meet again until the Sunday morning of January 15th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday evening service, Dec. 30th—8:15 P.M.
- Rabbi Eugene Kohn, Guest Preacher.
- Saturday morning service, Dec. 31st—9:30 A.M.
- Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.
- Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 3rd—
- Resumption of Hebrew School classes.
- Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd—
- Adult Education Classes.
- Thursday evening, Jan. 5th—8:30 P.M.
- Men's Club meeting.
- Friday evening service, Jan. 6th—8:15 P.M.
- Saturday morning service, Jan. 7th—9:30 A.M.
- Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.
- Sunday School sessions, Jan. 8th—9:45 A.M.
- Sunday evening, Jan. 8th—8:30 P.M.
- Young Folks League,
- Open Meeting and Social.
- Monday evening, Jan. 9th—
- Collegiate Division.
- Monday evening, Jan. 9th—9 P.M.
- Meeting of Committee on Adult Education.
- Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 10th—1 P.M.
- Sisterhood Board Meeting.

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THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The entire membership of the congregation is urged to attend the annual membership meeting on Tuesday evening, January 10th. Business of vital importance and interest is to be taken up. No one who can possibly be present should fail to attend.

The annual election of Officers, Trustees and Advisory Council will take place. An amendment to our constitution will be presented for its first reading, to raise the number of Trustees from 18 to 24 to conform with the laws of the State of New York.

A musical program will also be a feature of the meeting. Cantor Putterman will conduct the Synagogue Choral Group in a number of enjoyable selections.

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CANTOR HONORED BY NBC

Cantor David Putterman was distinctly honored when the National Broadcasting Company selected him and our choir to participate in an inter-faith coast-to-coast broadcast entitled "The Cradle of Freedom" on Saturday evening, December 24th, at 10 P.M. over station WEAf.

The various faiths were represented as follows: For the Catholics, the Paulist Choristers under the direction of Father Finn; for the Protestants, the Radio Choristers; and for the Jews, Cantor Putterman and the Park Avenue Synagogue choir.

SYNAGOGUE CHORAL GROUP MAKES DEBUT

At the last session of the Adult Education classes, the Synagogue Choral Group made its debut with much success. Dr. Louis L. Shapiro chanted the Chanukah blessings and the Choral Group rendered two appropriate Chanukah selections. The group was led by Cantor Putterman.

Although this group met only five times and is composed of members from our Adult Study circle, they were successful in singing their selections in two-voice parts. This is most encouraging in view of the fact that none of the group reads music at sight, nor has ever previously had experience in singing parts which are harmonized.

An invitation is extended to all those who are desirous of joining this group, which meets each Monday evening at 8 P.M. in the Vestry of the Synagogue.

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WANTED:

The Sunday School is in need of a movable bookcase to be used for the Journalism and Booklovers' Club on Sunday mornings. The School would appreciate it very much if members in possession of a movable bookcase or a tea wagon that might be used for this purpose would donate these items. Please call Miss Robinson at Sacramento 2-8765. The School Board will naturally arrange for moving the furniture.

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JOYOUS WELCOME TO COLLEGIANS

Students returning from out of town colleges to their homes for the mid-winter vacation were given a hearty welcome by the Synagogue through its Collegiate Division. Three distinct occasions were dedicated to our student body. A symposium on Friday evening, December 23rd, on the theme, "How Ought the Jewish Student Conduct Himself on the Campus," in which Miss Ethel Drachsler, Messrs. Albert Heller, Arnold Joffe and Louis Scheinman participated; a reception on Saturday afternoon, December 24th, at the home of Rabbi Steinberg; and an informal dance on Monday evening, December 26th, in the Vestry Rooms.

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AUSTRIAN LECTURER TO ADDRESS MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Thursday, January 5th. The speaker on the occasion will be Dr. Gregor Sebba, who is a prominent Austrian lecturer, author and economist. His subject will be "From an Austrian Jail to the Land of the Free."

THE SISTERHOOD

DO YOU KNOW THAT

On Tuesday, December 27th, the Sisterhood held a meeting at which the Chairman of Nominations rendered a report.

Mrs. Carrie Manheimer is planning a party to celebrate the collection of the mile of pennies that the Sisterhood members pledged to raise during the past six months. Please make a special effort to bring your pledge to the next meeting.

Mrs. Ezra Cohen, Sisterhood's Captain for the Temple of Religion at the World's Fair will welcome your contribution toward the completion of this Glorious Symbol of the Spiritual Blessings enjoyed by all Americans.

Mrs. Fred Abrams is Sisterhood's Jewish Chairman of the Palestine Pavilion which will be built to give expression to the cultural and social constructive work of the Jews in Palestine, at the World's Fair. Those who wish to join the many sponsors of this splendid effort to prove the achievements of the Jewish people, may help dispose of books containing four tickets, plus a ticket for the person who sells the book for One Dollar as admission to the Jewish Palestine Pavilion at the World's Fair. The Chairman will be happy to give or send you these tickets.

Sisterhood is most desirous of having the women who have joined the congregation affiliate with this group, become interested and help to sponsor the spiritual as well as constructive endeavors which become more vital daily in congregational and home life. A sincere welcome to one and all. **Join now for 1939.**

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THE YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

On December 18th the League gave out Chanukah baskets to ten needy families, and inasmuch as the cooperation was so great the League will continue this each year. This was followed by a very successful party at the home of Miss Shirley Yohann.

The League is sponsoring a Gala Dance and Entertainment on January 21st, 1939, with the Joint Distribution Committee for the benefit of the Jewish Refugees. There will be a fine orchestra, game tables, entertainment and refreshments will be served. We encourage the participation of the members of the Synagogue and their families for this Worthy Cause. Subscription is \$1.00

On Sunday evening, January 8th, 1939, we will have another Open meeting and Social at which time we will have a Guest Speaker. We invite all young folks to attend and enjoy a pleasant evening.

THE SCHOOL

Chanukah Entertainment.

On Sunday morning, December 25th, the children of the Sunday School presented a gala Chanukah performance. The program follows:

1. Opening Remarks.....Samuel Grand, Principal
2. Kindling of the Chanukah Lights
William Zev Puttermann

3. Choral Group—Mooz Tsur
Directed by Miss Grace Merlub

4. School Songs

5. Candle Dance
Judith Baumritter Ruth Lippman
Zelda Gale Nancy Miller
Suzanne Halbren Ruth Suckno
Barbara Lifton Patricia Wolf

6. Play—"Hannah and Her Seven Sons"
Directed by Miss Deborah Miller

Cast — Arnold Garfinkel, Mildred Amdur, Judith Siegel, Jane Levy, Victor Norman, Donald Ostrow, Edward Buckstein, Jacob E. Holzman, Robert Kuhn, Edward Newman, Stuart Stern, James Stovins, Shepard Van Gelder.

7. Dreidle Dance
Jane Levy Nancy Miller
Sally Liberman Leila Joan Paul

8. Choral Group—Chanukah, Chag Yofel;
Mi Y'mallel

9. Play—"One Chanukah Night"
Directed by Miss Elsie Zuckerberg
and Mr. Nat Cooper

Cast — Abraham Chusid, Emma Newberger, George Osserman, Phyllis Brand, Carol Rubin, Norman Siegel, Elise Kraft, Anne Stern, Helene Stern.

Daniel Schechter made the announcements.

On this occasion the first issue of the school paper was distributed.

Junior Congregation.

The Junior Congregation held its first party on December 18th. About thirty of its regular members were in attendance. Part of the program was taken up by an "Amateur Hour" in which Shepard Lieberman, William Puttermann, Betty Ann Marquith and Sanford Hahn excelled and won prizes. Mrs. Milton Heller and Mrs. J. Easton Holzman served refreshments and assisted in the arrangements for the party.

There will be no session of the Sunday School on January 1st, 1939.

Hebrew School will be resumed Tuesday, January 3rd.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

The Scroll's congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abrams on the celebration of their forty-ninth wedding anniversary on December 15th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morris Edelman on their thirtieth wedding anniversary on December 20th.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Heller on the engagement of their daughter, Ruth.

The congregation's best wishes for recovery from her illness to Mrs. Clemence Lemle.

Its condolences to Mr. Jack Colm on the passing of his mother, Gisella.

To Mr. and Mrs. Von Bernstorff on the passing of their daughter, Rosalyn, who was confirmed in our congregation some nine years ago.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GIFTS

The gratitude of the School Board and the congregation generally is herewith expressed to Mrs. Paul W. Aschner for a sum of money presented some time ago as a gift to make possible the purchase of books for the school library.

The School Board thanks Mr. Barney Balaban for his gracious generosity in presenting to the congregation as a gift a readily portable studio piano which makes possible the use of the Synagogue as an assembly hall for our Religious School.

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TWO GERMAN RABBIS CALLED TO OUR PULPIT

Assuming its share in the burden of relieving the distress of German Jewry, the Park Avenue Synagogue through its Board of Trustees has decided to elect as associate ministers of our congregation two German rabbis for whom life has become unbearable in Germany itself. A special committee on German refugees has been appointed to make the selection of two men, and to issue the contracts. The committee consists of William Heller, Chairman; Bernard Botein, S. S. Kogan, Isaac Liberman, Barney Schlinger, and Dr. L. L. Shapiro.

In addition to this specific task the committee will also supervise all efforts at integrating German Jewish emigres in our neighborhood into our congregation and into American Jewish life generally.

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THE COTERIE CLUB

The Coterie Club, formerly the Senior Social Group, spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Edythe Abrams on Saturday, December 17th. At the party Jerry Horowitz was appointed temporary treasurer.

On Monday evening, December 26th, the Coterie Club attended the dance given by the Collegiate Division. In February the members are to see "Hellzapoppin." The next meeting will be on January 14th at the home of Hilda Eichberg.

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